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1. The headquarters of the former Fourth District Command in Bratislava were transferred in January 1951 to Trenčín (P49/T58) where they are located in the building occupied by the former "Ma Sihota" command. *
2. As of May 1951 the Fourth Air Force District Headquarters are located at the Ivanka Airfield near Bratislava, instead of in Bratislava. A special building was constructed at the field to accommodate the headquarters. The field is now in use and serves for both military and civilian air traffic.
3. A Czechoslovak military flotilla is stationed on the Danube, and the headquarters are located in the former barracks of the engineer troops in Bratislava harbor. The flotilla consists of 31 vessels, including two 2,200 hp Diesel-powered gun boats armed with three cannons, eight HMGs and having a crew of 26 men; nine heavy motorboats each armed with one LMG in moveable turrets, four HMGs and one LMG, and having a crew of ten men; and 20 light 350 hp motorboats capable of a speed of 35 mph, armed with four HMGs in turrets and one LMG and having a crew of five men. **
4. Communist secretariats in Slovakia were engaged in recruiting volunteers to be sent to Korea in September 1951. They appealed mainly to young men, even to recruits entering military service this year. About 300 volunteers enrolled from Bratislava county.
5. Soldiers born in 1927 and 1928 (1949 recruits) are being kept in service in spite of the fact that they were supposed to have been released by the end of September 1951. Some of the soldiers were to be released in October 1951, and some were to be kept on until Christmas 1952.

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25X1A * Comment: Since the reorganization of the Czechoslovak Army, which took place during 1951, there are believed to be only two military districts, one in Prague and one in Trencin.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comments: It is believed improbable that there are any gunboats as powerful or heavily armed as this report indicates on the Danube, nor is it likely that a light motorboat should carry four MMGs.

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